

Vacancy: Bogotá Office

Climate Finance & Land Use Consultant

Climate Focus is seeking a climate finance and land use consultant to join our team in Bogotá Office. This is a full-time position.

Company

Climate Focus is a pioneering international advisory firm committed to the development of policies, programs and projects that mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change. Our international and multidisciplinary team works closely with clients in the private sector, governments and non-governmental organizations, across a range of sectors including renewable energy, forests and agriculture, waste, transport, and energy efficiency.

We aim to provide independent advice that is relevant for today's decision-makers, ranging from the development of climate-resilient agricultural policies to the creation of hand-held technologies that can monitor project-based emissions reductions in the energy sector. Our advice is rooted in a profound knowledge of climate change policies, science, finance and project development.

Climate Focus was founded in 2004 and has offices in Amsterdam, Berlin, Bogotá, Rotterdam and Washington, D.C. Our team of experts is complemented by a broad and diverse network of in-country and international partners. More information: www.climatefocus.com.

Job description

This is an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated individual to work with a dynamic organization, committed to advancing new research, analysis and implementation of climate science and policy.

The successful candidate will work mainly with the land use team on projects related to sustainable

development of agriculture and the protection and restoration of forests. Current projects include international climate policy research, development of sustainable business models in the land use sector, carbon accounting, climate finance feasibility assessments, and support of sustainable land use investment. As an integral part of the team, you will help solve complex challenges through innovative solutions: developing regional strategies for reducing livestock emissions, building feasible development scenarios in the land sector for achieving the Paris Agreement targets, REDD+, efficient carbon accounting, and facilitating investment for sustainable land use.

The position offers exposure to a wide range of issues and requires interdisciplinary research skills, solid analysis capabilities including economic, and strong interpersonal skills.

The suitable candidate will need a strong foundation in environmental science and policy, economics and climate finance. We look for a results-oriented team player, comfortable working with a diverse group of clients. Specific tasks include:

- Independently manage technical projects for government, multilateral, and private sector clients in the area of agriculture, forestry and other land use
- Analyse business models for agriculture and forestry, and assess and develop financial mechanisms
- Provide insights on land management, planning and policy, ecosystem sciences, resource economics, and commodity supply chains
- Draft and edit reports, briefings and proposals
- Build and nourish client relationships through travel and participation in national and international meetings
- Acquire new projects and support the expansion of Climate Focus' in Latin America

Candidate Profile

Highly motivated and entrepreneurial individual capable of delivering high quality and timely services to clients, and support the expansion of Climate Focus' Latin American practice from our Bogotá office.

The successful candidate will have:

- Advanced degree (Master's) in environmental sciences, and/or economics and/or finance and/or agro-business administration
- At least 5 years-experience in the field of climate change policy, and land-related research (e.g. agriculture, REDD+, AFOLU), climate and development finance or sustainability
- Broad understanding of the practical, scientific, economic, social, and political dimensions of climate change mitigation in the land sector
- Strong analytical capacities and quantitative skills, proven skills (and fluency) in writing papers, articles or reports in both Spanish and English
- Excellent research and science-based working skills, including writing and communication skills.
- Team player that enjoys working in a client-oriented, international field of business.
- Interested in multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary work that combines climate science, economics and policy
- Excellent organizational skills, and comfortable managing multiple tasks and working with a fast-paced international team
- Has initiative and can work well independently, as well as with teams
- Permission to work in Colombia.
- Willingness to travel

Application

Interested candidates should submit their CV and cover letter in English to Juan Pablo Castro: jp.castro@climatefocus.com. Applications will be considered until 31 March 2019.

Time and Remuneration

Full time position with an expected start date in May 2019. The salary will be competitive and commensurate with the candidate's qualifications and experience.